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366TH FIGHTER WING, MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, IDAHO

Hospital named top performing MTF

BY SENIOR AIRMAN
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The Air Force Surgeon General's office recently announced that the base hospital has been recognized as the top performing medical treatment facility in the Air Force, continental U.S. hospital category. The announcement came from Col. Helen Horn-Kingery, 366th Medical Group commander, during the medical group's annual award ceremony Jan. 27. "I was notified about 24

hours before the ceremony, so I held it in before letting my group know about it," said Colonel Horn-Kingery. "This was such a team effort, I wanted to share it with everyone and thank them for their hard work."

The award is based on a series of factors, which are tracked at each medical treatment facility worldwide. This data is then sent up the chain for leaders to review and use to plan upcoming changes. The base hospital has undergone many changes over the past few years and 2005 proved to be no different.

With the building receiving many improvements, various facilities had to make some adjustments to meet patient's needs. That planning was also key in the group earning the prestigious award.

"We use computer programs to help us forecast future needs of our patients," said Capt. Jennifer Hillberg, group practice manager. "We have struggled with deployments and various obligations, but we try our best to make sure people get seen as soon as possible."

Of the grading criteria, there were five main areas of concern: individual medical

readiness, customer satisfaction, preventative medicine, access to treatment and medical records management. The most heavily weighed area fell onto the individual readiness section.

"We really have a total team effort being put forth," said Tech. Sgt. Keith Peterson, public health NCOIC. "We track the records of Gunfighters to make sure they stay current and world-wide qualified."

This was no easy task, and despite the uphill challenge, the medical group maintained an 86-percent average when

the Air Force goal was just 75 percent – a factor that paid heavy dividends when the facility was graded.

"This really means that along with the staff here, the Gunfighters are supporting us in getting to their providers and getting their records up to date," said Sergeant Peterson. "We couldn't have done it without commanders and supervisors pushing everyone to stay current. It really is a well-oiled machine working as one."

Another area they focused on was the preventative medicine program. In this

particular section, the hospital treats and prevents potentially fatal illnesses such as breast, cervical and prostate cancer.

"We are well integrated here," said Capt. Armando Cruz. "We work with the teams throughout the hospital to focus on the screening process. We have some of the most productive providers in the Air Force, and together, through training and team work, we have dedicated ourselves to not only meeting the national benchmark but also exceeding it."

After announcing the

award and getting back to her routine, Colonel Horn-Kingery said she was proud of the men and women who do so much to get the job done.

"The medical group is here to take care of Gunfighters and our technicians, our providers and staff give it their very best," said Colonel Horn-Kingery. "Only by partnering with our beneficiaries can we hope to achieve the level of performance that has allowed us to be named the best performing hospital in the CONUS area, and we thank them as well for their support."



SENIOR AIRMAN PETE MORICE AND STAFF SGT. JOSH KEESLER, BOTH FROM THE 366TH LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON FUELS MANAGEMENT FLIGHT, CHECK THE HOSES ON A R-11 REFUELING TRUCK DURING A DAILY SERVICEABILITY INSPECTION. THE DAILY INSPECTIONS BEGIN AT ABOUT 7 A.M. AND TAKE UP TO TWO HOURS TO COMPLETE ON THE 13 REFUELING TRUCKS. AFTER THE INSPECTIONS ARE COMPLETE, THEY THEN PERFORM MAINTENANCE ON THE VEHICLES THAT HAD DISCREPANCIES.

Without POL, it's just a static display

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN STIVES
GUNFIGHTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The F-15C/D Eagles, F-15E Strike Eagles and F-16C/D Fighting Falcons take off morning, noon and night. Pilots fly them. Mechanics maintain them. But who are the unseen forces providing the "juice"?

The Gunfighters impart a unique blend of rapid fire power to locations all over the world, and the men and women of the 366th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels management flight are the ones responsible for providing the juice that allows Gunfighters to be unmatched in air-to-air and air-to-ground combat superiority.

The 80-member flight's mission is to provide the 366th Fighter Wing with petroleum, oil and lubricant to support the Gunfighter's flying mission, as well as the Air Force's mission day-in and day-out.

"Basically what that means is we provide 100 percent on specification fuel 24 hours a day seven days a

week," said 1st Lt. Robinson Mata, 366th LRS fuels management flight commander.

The Gunfighter petroleum, oil and lubricant team distributes an average of 2 million gallons of aviation fuel monthly to more than 1,150 aircraft requests. They also store a daily average of almost 3 million gallons of JP-8 on base.

"We have six jet fuel storage tanks," said Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Gowin, 366th LRS fuels manager. "Three are large tanks, and three are small tanks; the large tanks can hold 1.5 million gallons of fuel, and the smaller underground tanks can hold 50,000 gallons of fuel."

The fuels team ensures timely service for all the F-15s and F-16s, as well as a variety of transient aircraft that land at Mountain Home Air Force Base. The Gunfighters shine with an average delivery time to the waiting aircraft of nine and half minutes – the Air Combat Command standard is 30 minutes.

"We really don't benchmark off the time," said

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STAFF SGT. BEAU PIPER, 366TH LRS, PERFORMS A SPECIFICATION TEST ON A RECENTLY RECEIVED SAMPLE OF JP-8 FUEL, LOOKING FOR FINE PARTICLES AND FILTERABILITY OF THE FUEL.

State legislators visit Gunfighters



PHOTO BY AIRMAN DANA HILL

CAPT. GREG YOUNG, 390TH FIGHTER SQUADRON WILD BOARS, TALKS TO A GROUP OF IDAHO STATE LEGISLATORS ABOUT THE AIR COMBAT ROLES OF THE F-15C EAGLE DURING A STATIC DISPLAY HERE ON FEB. 2.

BY CAPT. KELLY CAHALAN
GUNFIGHTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A small group of Idaho state legislators toured Mountain Home Air Force Base last week to learn about the Gunfighter mission and see first hand some of the changes happening across base.

The Idaho state legislature is one of several state lawmaking bodies that only meet part time. This year's Idaho congressional session began in January and will last until around mid to late March.

As part of their tour, the group was treated to a static display with all three of the Gunfighter jets.

"The static was outstanding," said Capt. Greg Young, 390th Fighter Squadron Wild Boars. "It's always nice to see the enthusiasm people have for our mission and our military."

Capt. Young was one of more than a dozen Gunfighters who walked the lawmakers around the display area, explaining aircraft wartime roles and answering questions about how the aircraft fly and perform.

After the static, Col. Charles Shugg, 366th Fighter Wing commander, took the group around the base to look at some of the new housing construction and base facilities, including the new fitness center and base schools.

After the tour, the legislators sat down for a mission briefing and question and answer session with the wing commander. Most of the questions focused on affects to the base after last spring's Base Realignment and Closure recommendations were approved.

"The tour for our local lawmakers was a great opportunity for us to not only talk about some of the things going on around the base but also to spread the word about what our people are doing both here and around the world," said Colonel Shugg.

Group commander talks about healthcare

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AFAF campaign set to kickoff

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Deployed Gunfighters send Valentine's Day messages

Gunfighters send messages to loved ones.

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Airman train with FBI

Explosive ordnance disposal, or EOD, technicians from nearby Hickam Air Force Base are attending FBI training here.

The 79th large vehicle bomb

post blast investigator's course teaches attendees how to increase their ability to respond, investigate and collect evidence.

Four FBI instructors ...

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Sustaining the healthcare benefit

By COL. HELEN HORN-KINGERY
 366TH MEDICAL GROUP

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Medical costs have grown because of the expansion of benefits, increased use by retiree beneficiaries and health inflation; however no changes have been made to the TRICARE premiums. In fact, costs have more than doubled in five years from \$19 billion in the 2001 fiscal year to \$38 billion in 2006 fiscal year, and our analysts project these costs to reach \$64 billion by 2015 – more than 12 percent of the DoD's anticipated

budget (versus 4.5 percent in 1990 and 8 percent today).

You may have heard that the DoD is considering ways to control the long-term costs of the military health benefit so we can sustain this important benefit in the future. I want to share information to help you understand why there is concern - concern that long-term costs may eventually diminish the benefit we provide and impact our defense capability and national security.

Does this sound serious? If you said yes, you've got that right!

Let me make this clear: We honor the service and sacrifice of our active-duty members, retirees and their families. That is one reason why the DoD provides a truly outstanding health benefit for them – TRICARE. DoD will sustain this health benefit for our beneficiaries.

Large numbers of our under-65

retirees who are still actively working or employed are dropping employer-sponsored healthcare plans and relying on TRICARE.

As a result, DoD increasingly subsidizes healthcare costs for many private-sector companies and some state governments. No change in TRICARE premiums and low-cost shares are driving more beneficiaries to TRICARE. Total beneficiary cost shares have declined substantially from 27 percent of the total benefit cost in 1995 to only 12 percent in 2005. Program benefit adjustments have not been made previously, but are necessary now to ensure future U.S. military capability and a strong national defense. Individual and government cost contributions must be rebalanced to approach the 1995 share levels.

The DoD has a plan to address this very important issue so that

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Football is more than just a game

By LT. COL. PETER ZUPPAS
 35TH OPERATIONS GROUP

On a recent Sunday, my 6-year-old son said to me, "Dad, you spend too much time watching football on TV."

I was caught off-guard and busy (watching the game) but managed to mutter something like, "Son, someday you will understand" - but I quickly realized I'd have to drum up a better response ... or possibly be shamed into watching less football.

So, from an Air Force and career military perspective - and to justify my football addiction - here goes ...

American-style football is about as distinctly American as you can get. Maybe more than any other sport, it emphasizes qualities especially important in military

life, including courage, teamwork and a fighting spirit.

When you think about it, football is a lot like a military operation. It has elements of strategy, offense, defense, collisions, speed, agility, power, grace and results on every play. Also there are blitzes, trenches and bombs. How could we not love it? It is no coincidence that one of the longest rivalries in college football is the annual Army-Navy game which dates back more than 100 years. We have even named some of our tactics after football, such as the "Hail Mary Maneuver" in the Gulf War and "Operation Linebacker" in Vietnam.

Football is based on tactics of maneuver and concentration of forces in order to penetrate the enemy's lines and cut off their lines of communication. Football has specialty positions and strategies that com-

bine speed, power, surprise and science all coming together for a successful game plan. Football is a game of intensity - but also one with strict rules of engagement.

But most of all football - like our military - emphasizes team work and a fighting spirit.

"Winning isn't everything; it's the only thing" is the most famous quote attributed to the legendary Green Bay Packer coach Vince Lombardi. Consider some of his other quotes and imagine what a military mentor he would make:

"Winning is not a sometime thing; it's an all-the-time thing. You don't win once in a while; you don't do the right thing once in a while; you do them right all the time ..."

"Football is a great deal like life in that it teaches that work, sacrifice, perseverance, competitive drive, selflessness and respect

for authority is the price each and every one of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile."

"It is essential to understand that battles are primarily won in the hearts of men."

And finally ...

"The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are the things that endure. These qualities are so much more important than the events that occur."

Other things may come and go but what must endure (in addition to football), what we must cultivate and what elevates us is a fighting team spirit that can never wane. I imagine Coach Lombardi would have surely been a "Fly, Fight and Win" Air Force fan!

Well, that's justification enough for me. Back to watching football - and teaching my son that it's more than just a game.

WELCOME NEWEST 'YOUNG GUNS'

Baby's name:
Skyler Madeline Rauch
 Parent's names:
 Tracie and Robbie Rauch
 Birth date: Dec. 20

Baby's name:
Aaron James Papka
 Parent's names:
 April and Brad Papka
 Birth date: Dec. 21

Baby's name:
Jenna Dione Henrich
 Parent's names:
 Toria and Dan Henrich
 Birth date: Dec. 22

Baby's name:
Amber Ello Bratlie
 Parent's names:
 Eva and Vincient Bratlie
 Birth date: Dec. 22

Baby's name:
Kaylee Michelle Collins
 Parent's names:
 Jami and Rodney Collins
 Birth date: Dec. 23

Baby's name:
Kiarra Gregory
 Parent's names:
 Latoya and Clayton Gregory
 Birth date: Dec. 25

Baby's name:
Angelina Kahleen Marchand
 Parent's names: Keisha Sawyer and Brian Marchand
 Birth date: Dec. 25

Baby's name:
Spencer Lewis Rollins
 Parent's names:
 Katie and Andrew Rollins
 Birth date: Dec. 27

Baby's name:
Connor James Paltzer
 Parent's names:
 Jennifer and Jaret Paltzer
 Birth date: Dec. 30

HOTLINE: TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Concern:

I've heard several people talking and read numerous Hotline articles concerning traffic at the front gate. I've read several ideas on how to alleviate some of the congestion, such as have commanders and shop chiefs changing duty hours, leaving earlier from home, and even some simple things as having your identification card ready and the window down when approaching the gate, yet none of this seems to be helping. What can we do now to alleviate this?

Commanders and shop chiefs are obviously controlled by the flying schedule and restricted from changing the duty hours too drastically.

As for leaving earlier from home, most individuals living in Mountain Home already leave at 6 a.m. from their house and still wait 15 to 20 minutes to get through the gate. This doesn't count those who live in Boise, Meridian and Nampa. I'm sure their day begins much earlier than mine.

As a supervisor, I'm concerned about the safety of my troops who work a 12-hour shift during exercises

the military health-benefit program can be on a fiscally sound foundation for the long term. This plan will have no impact on active-duty personnel and minimal to no impact for TRICARE for Life beneficiaries. All of the details are not known as I write this article, but I will be monitoring the president's budget proposal that was submitted Monday. Even with proposed changes in the DoD plan, TRICARE will remain the nation's very best health benefit and will continue to cost significantly less than comparable federal, state and private health plans.

While at this conference, I represented the Gunfighter medics and accepted the Air Force Surgeon General's recognition of the 366th Medical Group being named the Top Performing Medical Treatment Facility in the Continental United States. It was a very proud moment for me to accept this honor. This is a result of a lot of hard work and the many internal efficiencies the medics have put in place in the last few years, but the medic's actions alone are not enough to stem the tide of rising health care costs.

You might be asking yourself, what can I do to help the situation? Let me share my thoughts on that with you. First, continue the progress in our overall health

and fitness efforts. Active-duty members started a new fitness program about two years ago and this is a great start. We need to ensure we're including our family members and retirees in this cultural change as well.

Second, I ask you to partner with your primary care manager in what we call patient-centered evidence-based medicine. We know that two-thirds of diseases are a direct response to poor lifestyle choices, like obesity, alcohol abuse and smoking. Though you may not see the impact of these choices immediately, the impact on your quality of life is significant, and this becomes very important as we plan to take care of your health, both while on active duty and when you retire.

Finally, I ask you to help us in working our internal efficiencies by maximizing the effectiveness of our appointments (eliminating no shows), attending educational classes and scheduling all of your preventive services and exams as appropriate. If we work together we can do our part of sustaining the benefit.

I'm sure we will all be watching the transformation of our military healthcare system, and I want to thank you for all you do in ensuring our partnership is effective at Mountain Home Air Force Base.

COMMANDER'S HOTLINE



COL. CHARLES SHUGG

This Hotline is your direct line to me.

It's your opportunity to make Mountain Home Air Force Base a better place to live and work. I review every response to Hotline questions, but functional experts prepare most responses.

If possible, you should first contact the organization responsible for the problem or function. Your first sergeants, commanders and agency chiefs want to help, so please let them try.

If you do not know how to proceed or if you have already tried your chain of command, then do not hesitate to contact the Hotline at 828- 6262 or e-mail Commanders- Hotline@mountainhome.af.mil.

Not all Hotlines are published, but if you leave your name and phone number or e-mail address, I will make sure you get a reply.

COL. CHARLES SHUGG
 366TH FIGHTER WING
 COMMANDER

2005 AWARDS

As of this week

Air Force 11
ACC 40
12th Air Force 7

LAST DUI

366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Days without a DUI:

3

AADD has made 55 saves in January, 1,468 in 2005

(Courtesy AADD)

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Getting out of credit card debt in 2006

By SENIOR AIRMAN SERGIO AGUIRRE
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The current savings rate for Americans in 2005 was negative 0.5 percent according to the U.S. Federal Reserve. This means that most Americans were not only spending all of their disposable income, but also spending some of their savings as well.

The savings rate has not been this low since the Great Depression in 1933, when history shows America at its weakest in terms of economics.

So why does it seem that so many Americans today are spending more than they earn and have to dip into their savings to make ends meet?

“We have always seen people tap into their savings when things come up, but we are hoping to help them get to a point where they can begin to save again for the future,” said Sarah Bunch, family support

center financial counselor. “Car payments are serious issues locally, and we see many people overspending and not having funds left over to put into savings.”

This trend of double dipping can increase the use of credit in order to satisfy emergency financial situations, such as car repairs and plane tickets among others.

“We try to have our clients create an emergency savings account for things like that,” said Ms. Bunch. “The less they rely on credit for unexpected financial obligations, the better off they will be in the long run.”

Why are Americans tapping into their savings?

“There isn’t a simple answer because there are a number of factors contributing to the overall rise in the cost of living,” said Ms. Bunch. “Housing costs are rising and forcing many people out of the market.”

Factor in the spending habits of Americans, and it’s easy to see why

so many are spending more than they earn.

While debt is nothing new to many consumers, developments in the way creditors calculate the minimum payments may have them concerned.

According to spokespeople at Congress, Congress has passed a mandate that changes the new minimum payment rates for credit cards. This may not affect those with small balances, but some Americans are carrying unsecured credit lines in excess of \$15,000. In this case, a change in minimum payment from the standard two percent to the new rate – possibly as high as four percent of the total balance – would mean the consumer would now be asked to pay \$600 instead of budgeting \$300 a month.

This change has several intended consequences. The first change is the repayment time will dramatically be cut in overall length. This reduces the amount

of total interest paid over time and is designed to get consumers out of debt quicker.

The second change is the minimum payment amount will reduce the overall amount of credit that can be extended. This effectively limits the amount of money a borrower can receive unsecured and can potentially reduce the number of bankruptcies due to credit repayment.

“I think in the long run it will be a good thing,” said Ms. Bunch. “A lot of people had balances that were going up instead of going down, and now they will see their balances drop.”

While future generations will be ready for their possibly four-percent minimum payments, the current unsecured debt holders may be facing very serious financial questions about bankruptcies.

“The new law has certainly discouraged people from filing,” said Ms. Bunch. “They are now more willing to pay down their debts instead of going through bank-

ruptcy as in years past.”

This decision is made tougher given that current unsecured debt holders may still have to pay their debts even after filing bankruptcy.

The holidays have past, and the debt hurricane has hit. The rebuilding effort now lies in consumers hands to map out a plan, wipe the debt out as soon as possible and reduce spending in all areas to allot a portion to savings.

While there are no easy answers, spending less and saving more is the sure way to financial security. Finding a way to enact their plan will go a long way towards making a consumer reach their goals.

“Come visit us,” said Ms. Bunch. “We will help you work out a new budget to get you out of debt and prepared for the future.”

For more information, call Ms. Bunch at 828-2458.

DEPLOYED GUNFIGHTER IN ACTION



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. KRISTINA BARRETT

SENIOR AIRMAN JOSEPH SHEFFER, A GUNFIGHTER DEPLOYED TO THE 506TH EXPEDITIONARY LOGISTICS SQUADRON AT KIRKUK AIR BASE, IRAQ, REMOVES THE BELT HOUSING CASING FROM A POLARIS “GATOR.”

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

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Airmen need look no further than the aftermath of last year’s hurricanes to understand the benefit the fund provides the Air Force community. Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley addressed this recently in a joint memorandum for the Air Force Assistance Fund: “Last year, hurricanes Katrina and Rita vividly demonstrated the need for rapid and reliable emergency assistance. Our four AFAF charities - the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Enlisted Village

Air Force Assistance Fund campaign begins Monday

Indigent Widows’ Fund, Air Force Village Indigent Widows’ Fund and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation - provided immediate financial and housing assistance to our active duty, Reserve, Air National Guard and retired Air Force members. This was in addition to their normal ongoing assistance with the hardships of deployments, accidents, illness, aging and death.”

General Moseley recently announced a \$5.4 million goal for this year’s fund drive.

People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to:

— The Air Force Aid Society, which provides Airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base level community-enhancement programs. Base family support centers have full details on programs and eligibility requirements. Information is also available online at <http://www.afas.org>.

— The Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow’s Fund in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base, which provides rent subsidy and other sup-

port to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at www.afenlistedwidows.org.

— The Air Force Village Indigent Widow’s Fund in San Antonio, which is a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is www.airforcevillages.com.

— The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, which provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is www.lemayfoundation.org. Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible. For more information, visit afassistancefund.org or the Air Force Personnel Center’s voting and fundraising Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund.

Installation project officers have information on local procedures and goals.

366th LRS fuels flight keeps Gunfighters flying combat missions

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Chief Gowin. “What we really look at is whether we have fuel on that aircraft when the pilot steps on board that aircraft. We don’t want to delay ops or maintenance at all, and we have not delayed a single mission in the last year due to the fact that we didn’t have fuel out there when the ops and maintenance community needed it out there.”

Chief Gowin measures his flights success not by the numbers in front of him, but what he hears or doesn’t here around him.

“When my phone is not ringing, I know we have satisfied customers out there,” said Chief Gowin. “When I walk out on the flight line and see a four-ship take off and look at my watch, and I’m going, ‘right on time,’ or returns during the day and I know what time they are supposed to be going back up, if the right number of jets take off at the right hour, I know that my troops down here are doing their jobs.”

The fuels flight accomplished this feat by using a modified Type I hydrant system, and that is about 10 percent of their aircraft fueling. Ninety percent of the refueling is done by the 13R-11 refueling vehicles they operate on a daily basis.

In addition to the busy fuels operations, there are also liquid oxygen and liquid nitrogen tanks that issue more than 6,000 gallons of cryogenic products monthly.

The efficient manner in which the fuels flight completes its mission is a result of working with other squadrons within the 366th LRS, as well as on base.

“We work closely with the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight, all three fighter squadron aircraft maintenance units, vehicle operations, the readiness flight and numerous other agencies on base to accomplish our mission.”

The 366th LRS fuel flight not only supports the mission here at Mountain Home but all over the world.

“In the last year, we have sent more than 50 troops to eight different locations around the world,” said Chief Gowin. “We continue to support the Army missions as well. We have some troops helping with support issues over there in Iraq with the Army. Currently, there are 21 troops deployed to three different countries.”

“The troops here know that when they are in the bucket, they are going to be going somewhere because we end up de-



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN STIVES

STAFF SGT. RYAN STAUB, 366TH LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON FUELS MANAGEMENT FLIGHT, DISPATCHES FUEL SUPPORT TO THE FLIGHT LINE.

ploying almost everyone in the bucket,” said Lieutenant Mata. “Even with them knowing that and all the hard work they put forth everyday, they continue to show up with a positive attitude and love what they do here. That is one thing I want to gain when I leave here – that POL culture. They are gung-ho and have the attitude that they are going to do

it and do it right.”

The 366th LRS fuels management flight is a vital part of the Gunfighter team. They provide the juice, which keeps the engines running, yet they are just one group of the people working behind the scenes everyday to support the Gunfighter mission.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ACC awards

Congratulations to the following Gunfighters on winning the Air Combat Command 2005 Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award:

SENIOR AIRMAN MATTHEW SCHUYLER
OUTSTANDING MISSILE/MUNITIONS PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR
TECHNICIAN

MAJ. BENJAMIN KROOP
OUTSTANDING COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS MAINTENANCE PERSON OF THE YEAR
FIELD GRADE MANAGER

NEWSLINE

Mardi Gras celebration

The Officers’ Spouses’ Club is celebrating Mardi Gras with a luncheon and best mask contest Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Gunfighters Club. The cost is \$8.25 for club members \$10.25 for nonmembers.

Training scheduled

The Passenger Travel and Personal Property Office located in Building 512 will conduct in-house training Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. beginning today. Customers are asked to plan in advance, as services will be very limited during these times. TRAVCO will be open normal business hours. For more information, call 828-1466.

ALS instructor opening

The Gunfighter Airman Leadership School is looking for a sharp, energetic and dedicated staff sergeant to join the instructor team in January. The application deadline is March 1. For more information, call Master Sgt. Monica Pemberton at 828-4143.

Road Closure

Hope Street will be closed south of the hospital warehouse entrance Feb. 18. Chestnut Street near Fire Station Number 2 will be closed south of Bolt Circle Feb. 19 and 20. These closings are needed to support the installation of storm drainage pipe and will be intermittent. Every effort will be made to keep one traffic lane open. Please excuse this inconvenience and plan your routes through housing accordingly

Gen. Henry Arnold Education Grant

In recognition of escalating college costs, the society increased the individual award amount under its Gen. Henry H Arnold Education Grant Program to \$2,000. The program continues to be offered to children and spouses (residing state-side) of active duty and several other candidate categories. The deadline to apply is March 10.

For more information and an application, call the family support center at 828-2458.

Air Warfare Battlelab

Tech. Sgt. Brian Humphrey spent 16 years as an F-15 crew chief before he became an aircraft maintenance systems project officer at the Air Warfare Battlelab.

AAFES President's Day hours

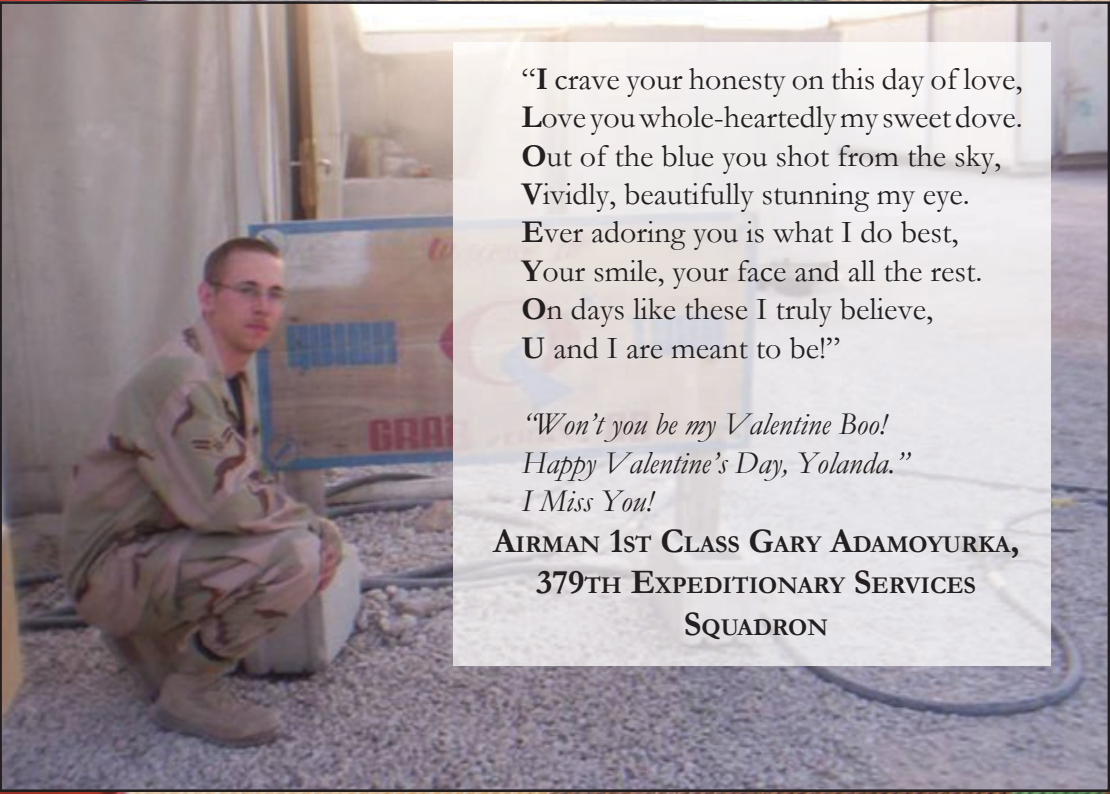
Care care center – 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Base Exchange – 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Food court – 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Burger King – 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Theater – show at 7 p.m.
Beauty salon, floral, optical, wireless and alteration shops – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Moxie Java at the BX – 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Moxie in Building 512 and the hospital will be closed)

Barber shop – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
GNC and car rental – 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Laundry dry cleaner – closed
Laundromat – open 24 hours

DEPLOYED GUNFIGHTERS SEND VALENTINE'S DAY MESSAGES



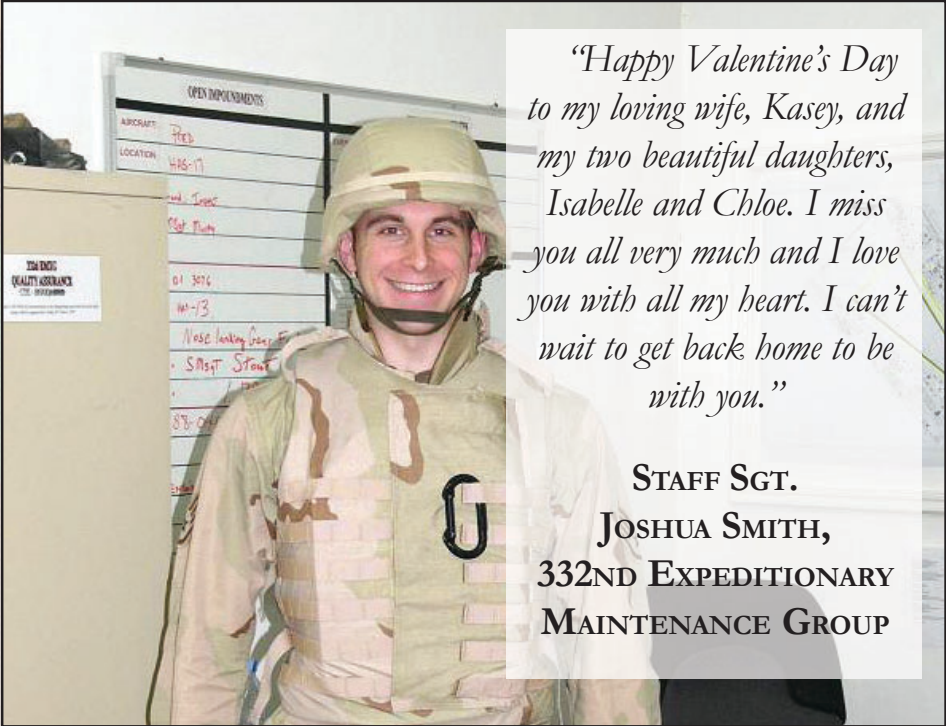
“I crave your honesty on this day of love,
Love you whole-heartedly my sweet dove.
Out of the blue you shot from the sky,
Vividly, beautifully stunning my eye.
Ever adoring you is what I do best,
Your smile, your face and all the rest.
On days like these I truly believe,
U and I are meant to be!”

*“Won’t you be my Valentine Boo!
Happy Valentine’s Day, Yolanda.”
I Miss You!*

**AIRMAN 1ST CLASS GARY ADAMOYURKA,
379TH EXPEDITIONARY SERVICES
SQUADRON**



**Damon and Kaden,
Happy Valentine’s Day! I love you and miss
you very much. I think about you every day.
Be good for Daddy. I will be home soon.
LOVE,
MOMMY
(STAFF SGT. MELISSA KOSKOVICH,
COMBINED AIR OPERATIONS CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS)**

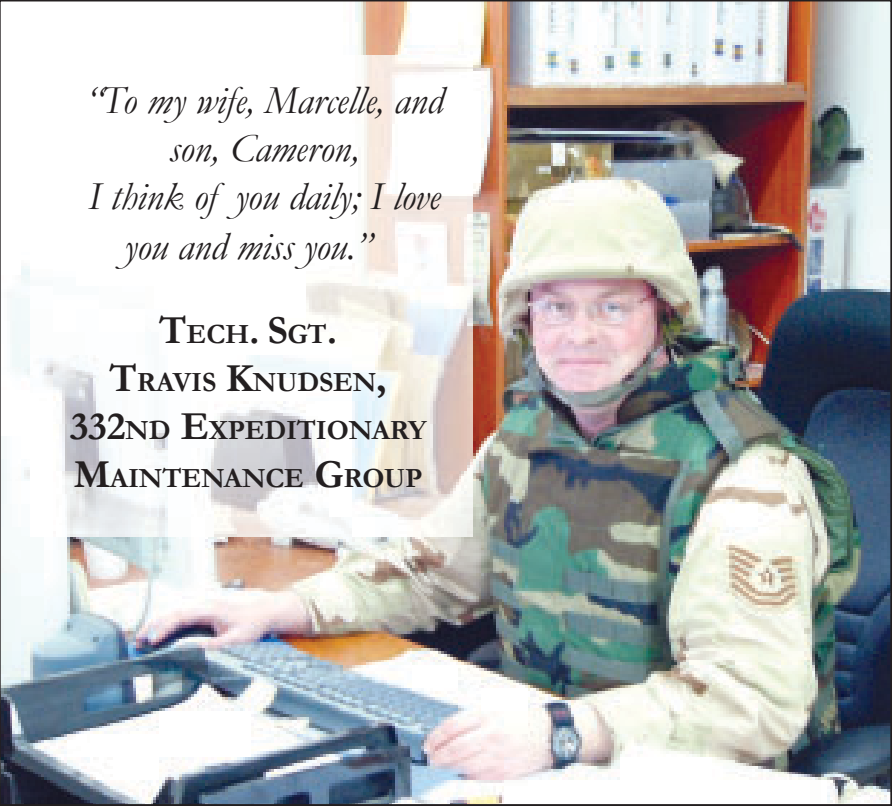


*“Happy Valentine’s Day
to my loving wife, Kasey, and
my two beautiful daughters,
Isabelle and Chloe. I miss
you all very much and I love
you with all my heart. I can’t
wait to get back home to be
with you.”*

**STAFF SGT.
JOSHUA SMITH,
332ND EXPEDITIONARY
MAINTENANCE GROUP**

**“Hey Jannah. I love
you. I’ll be home
soon. Thinking of
you, love you.”**

**AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
BILLY HOLLOWELL,
379TH EXPEDITIONARY
SERVICES SQUADRON**



*“To my wife, Marcelle, and
son, Cameron,
I think of you daily; I love
you and miss you.”*

**TECH. SGT.
TRAVIS KNUDSEN,
332ND EXPEDITIONARY
MAINTENANCE GROUP**

**“Robb,
You are the best Dad and husband. I love and miss you very much!”**

**MASTER SGT. KAREN KEYS,
379TH EXPEDITIONARY SERVICES SQUADRON**

Uniform board releases newest uniform changes

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON - The 97th Air Force Uniform Board released their newest results for proper wear of the uniform.

The board met in October and discussed everything from eliminating the Air Force Good Conduct Medal to maternity uniforms.

In addition, a Headquarters Air Force badge will be available this summer. The badge provides a distinct identification of military staff members assigned to the Air Staff and the Air Force Secretariat. Details about this badge will be available at a future date.

The following changes are effective immediately:

- Approval to wear the blue nametag with the Air Force informal uniform – the member’s abbreviated rank and name will be on one line. This uniform is worn by recruiters, honor guard, enlisted

- aides, chaplains, chaplain assistants, world-class athletes, and fitness center and health and wellness center staffs.
- Cummerbund pleats will face up in all cases.
- If due to a temporary medical condition, such as chemotherapy, results in baldness, commanders will authorize the approved American Cancer Society cap, wigs or baldness while in uniform.
- Bracelet size is reduced to one-half inch. Bracelets that support a cause, philosophy, individual or group are not authorized. Traditional POW/MIA bracelets are still permitted. Gemstone and tennis bracelets are only authorized while wearing the mess dress.
- Rings will be worn at the base of the finger and will not be worn on the thumb. Wedding sets count as one ring.
- Eyeglasses will not be worn around the neck, on top or back of

- the head or hanging on uniform.
- Epoxy blue nametag is optional on the blue shirt.
- Wear of the firefighter duty badge is authorized while an individual is assigned a 3E7X1 duty Air Force specialty code, including periods of professional military education and staff tours above group level.
- Wear of the security forces duty badge and beret is authorized while an individual is assigned a 3PXXX duty AFSC position and is also their primary AFSC, including PME attendance and staff tours above group level.
- The Air Force Good Conduct Medal will no longer be awarded. Previously earned medals are still permitted.
- Mandatory wear of the physical training uniform is set for Oct. 1 as per the instructions released last November.
- Cell phones, pagers and per-

- sonal digital assistants must be solid or covered in black, silver, dark blue or gray, and must be conservative. They may be clipped to the left side of the waistband or purse or carried in left hand. Only one may be worn on the uniform belt. Members will not walk in uniform while using phones, radios or hands-free headsets unless required in performing official duties using a government-issued device.
- Permanent wear of the scuba badge is authorized on the battle dress uniform.
- While not deployed, desert combat uniforms may not be worn unless en route to the basic combat convoy course. “Deployed” for this purpose includes members traveling en route to/from rest and recuperative leave from the Central Command area of responsibility, as outlined in policy announced in mid-2005.

This session of the Air Force

Uniform Board included a special panel that was specifically chartered to make recommendations regarding updates/revisions to uniform standards affecting women Airmen. After careful review, the board approved several changes that affect women specifically:

- “Scrunchies” are prohibited.
- Hairpins and bands must match hair color.
- Hair color, frosting and highlights will not be faddish and will match natural hair colors, i.e. blonde, brunette, natural red, black or gray.
- No shaved head or flat top hairstyles for women.
- Synthetic hair can be worn, as long as it meets safety and mission requirements.
- Braids, micro-braids and cornrows are authorized.
- Nail polish will not contrast with complexion or detract from the uniform. Nor is polish of ex-

- treme color, such as purple, gold, black, blue or any florescent color, authorized. Nail polish will also be limited to one color.
- French manicures are allowed, but fingernail length in all instances will not exceed one-quarter inch beyond the fingertip.
- In addition to clutch-style purses, purses with no more than two straps are authorized with mess dress.
- Earrings will be small spherical, conservative diamond, gold, white pearl or silver with any uniform combination and must be worn as a set. For those with multiple ear piercing, only one set of earrings will be worn in the lower earlobe and will also conform to these earring wear standards when performing duty in civilian clothes.
- Male flight cap is optional.

The updates will be added to Air Force Instruction 36-2903 when the new version is released in March.

Air Force explosive ordnance disposal team attends FBI training

Hickam AFB Airmen learn explosive physics, contamination issues and importance of forensics

By **TECH. SGT. SHANE A. CUOMO**
AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii - Explosive ordnance disposal, or EOD, technicians from nearby Hickam Air Force Base are attending FBI training here.

The 79th large vehicle bomb post blast investigator’s course teaches attendees

how to increase their ability to respond, investigate and collect evidence.

Four FBI instructors and a cadre of Army EOD technicians use a combination of classroom instruction and range work. There are classes on explosive physics, contamination issues, residue analysis, managing a bomb scene, equipment preparation and the importance of forensics.

With two days of classroom instruction and two days of practical scenarios, the students are kept busy. They practice their skills from the classroom out on the range.

The FBI set up four vehicles loaded with artillery shells and blew them up to bring realistic training to the scenarios learned from Afghanistan and Iraq.

But these scenarios could very well be played out in the Pacific Command region

and involve EOD personnel from Hickam.

“Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Bangladesh – they are having their own near insurgencies right now. The devices are just as dangerous and they’re killing just as many people. So it’s very important to have this training (in this area),” said Special Agent Kevin Miles, lead instructor from the FBI.

“They are teaching us a lot about preserving evidence. If you don’t know how to use your equipment how can you record it properly?” said Airman 1st Class Kent Perkins, an EOD technician from Hickam AFB.

“I can’t stress enough how important training is,” Airman Perkins said. “No two incidents are going to be alike. You have to be trained. You have to know what to look for.”



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. SHANE A. CUOMO

STUDENTS SEARCH FOR EVIDENCE ON THE BLOWN-UP FRAME OF A VEHICLE AT A BOMB SCENE SCENARIO. THE FBI, ALONG WITH ARMY CADRE, CONDUCTED A LARGE VEHICLE POST BLAST INVESTIGATOR’S COURSE AT THEPOHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, HAWAII. IT INCLUDED INSTRUCTION ON INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES AND EVIDENCE COLLECTION.

UPCOMING
SPORTING
EVENTS

Introduction to skiing
and snowboarding

The class is Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m and the cost is \$25. This one-day class is designed to introduce children ages 6 to 15 and their parents to the realities of learning to ski. All parts of the class are taught on the beginner hill and must be attended by the parents. All equipment, transportation and instructions are included in the price.

For more information, call 828-6288.

Varsity basketball

The Mountain Home Air Force Base Gunfighters varsity basketball team will take on Hill Air Force Base, Utah, Saturday at noon and 5 p.m. and also Sunday at noon at the fitness center. They will then travel to Hill AFB for a rematch Feb. 18 and 19.

‘Lots of Heart’
Valentine’s fun run

The run is scheduled Monday at 4 p.m. at the fitness center. Snacks will be provided after the run, and they will also have many door prizes to give away.

For more information or to sign up, call 828-2381. Deadline to enter is today.

Kayak polo

The event is scheduled Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the fitness center pool. The event is open to everyone 12 years and over. The cost is \$5. Take the kayak pool lessons to a new level. If kayak lessons are needed, they will be given before play begins.

For more information or to register, call 828-6288. Deadline to enter is Feb. 16.

Fly tying

This is a four-part class. Classes will be held Tuesday, Thursday and Feb. 21 and 23. The cost is \$50. This class is designed to teach the basics of tying flies. The priority will be dry flies and nymphs. Techniques for creating more intricate flies will be presented as well. All materials and tools will be provided and the flies that are made can be taken home.

For more information, call 828-6288.

Introduction to golf

Classes will be held Tuesday, Thursday, Feb. 21 and 23 at 6:30 p.m. This is a free introductory to golf program that will be conducted in the small exercise room at the fitness center. The sessions will be taught by an on-staff Professional Golf Association member. All the necessary equipment will be provided. Areas to be covered include the grip, stance, swing and etiquette. This instruction is intended to introduce non-golfers to the sport, but current golfers are also welcome.

For more information, call 828-6559. Deadline to enter the Tuesday class is today.

Intramural golf

The intramural golf season is about to begin. Get with your squadron representatives to let them know you want to hit the links.

HITTIN' THE FITNESS CENTER



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS TYLER BASS, 366TH COMPONENT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON, GOES FOR A RUN AROUND THE TRACK.



GUNFIGHTERS HIT THE HARDWOOD FOR A PICK-UP GAME IN THE AFTERNOON. THE FITNESS CENTER RECENTLY RESURFACED THE BASKETBALL COURT.



(ABOVE) MASTER SGT. PAUL WEBER, AIR WARFARE BATTLELAB, HITS THE UPRIGHT BIKE MACHINES DURING HIS AFTERNOON WORKOUT.



(ABOVE RIGHT) SENIOR AIRMAN TREVOR SUTTON, 366TH EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON, USED HIS WORKOUT TIME TO TAKE TO THE FREE WEIGHTS.



(RIGHT) AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CHASE HUCKATHORN PRACTICES HIS SIT-UPS FOR THE FITNESS TEST AS AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JOSH STEPHENS HOLDS HIS FEET. AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JOHN JIMENZ WATCHES AND WAITS HIS TURN AS THE THREE AIRMAN FROM THE 726TH AIR CONTROL SQUADRON PRACTICE A FULL FITNESS TEST.

Photos by Senior Airman Sergio Aguirre



THE CARDIOVACULAR ROOM IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST ROOMS WHEN THE GUNFIGHTERS ARE WORKING OUT IN THE MORNINGS AND AT LUNCH; HOWEVER, THERE IS AMPLE SPACE FOR GUNFIGHTERS LATER IN THE AFTERNOONS.

SPORTS
ROUNDUP

Basketball Standings

Intramural
West

Team	Record
CMS	7 – 0
EMS	5 – 3
CES	5 – 2
AMXS (A)	5 – 2
MDG	3 – 5
AMXS (B)	2 – 3
LRS	2 – 5
726th ACS	0 – 8

East

Team	Record
MOS	7 – 0
OSS	5 – 2
CS	4 – 2
SVS	2 – 4
Bldg. 512	2 – 4
AMXS (C)	1 – 5
SFS	1 – 5

Over 30

Team	Record
Bldg. 512	7 – 0
CMS	5 – 1
CS	5 – 2
MDG	4 – 2
Chiefs/Shirts	3 – 4
LRS	1 – 6
CES	1 – 6
SVS	0 – 5

UPCOMING
GAMES

MONDAY

Over 30

MDG vs. LRS - 11 a.m.
CMS vs. CS - noon

Intramural

CES vs. AMXS (B) - 5 p.m.
726th ACS vs. EMS - 6 p.m.
AMXS (A) vs. LRS - 7 p.m.
MDG vs. CMS - 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Over 30

SVS vs. CES - 11 a.m.
Bldg. 512 vs. Chiefs/Shirts - noon

Intramural

Bldg. 512 vs. CS - 5 p.m.
OSS vs. AMXS (C) - 6 p.m.
SFS vs. SVS - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Over 30

Bldg. 512 vs. MDG - 11 a.m.
Chiefs/Shirts vs. LRS - noon

Intramural

LRS vs. EMS - 5 p.m.
CES vs. CMS - 6 p.m.
726th ACS vs. MDG - 7 p.m.
AMXS (A) vs. AMXS (B) - 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Over 30

SVS vs. CMS - 11 a.m.
CES vs. CS - noon

Intramural

MOS vs. AMXS (C) - 5 p.m.
Bldg. 512 vs. SVS - 6 p.m.
OSS vs. SFS - 7 p.m.

SERVICES

Auto skills center

Contract mechanic and paint and body tech — Work is done by appointment only.

To make an appointment, call 828-2295.

Bowling center

Family special — Bowl for \$1 a game every Sunday.
For more information, call 828-6329.

Community center

Valentine’s Day balloon bouquet delivery — Orders will be taken through Monday. Deliveries can be made on base for \$2; orders over \$15 are delivered for free.

Instructors needed — The community center is looking for experienced instructors for crafts, dance, music, cooking, interior decorating, self defense, sewing, quilting, cake decorating and stamping.

Photography classes — Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$30 for eight sessions.

Salsa classes — Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 for five sessions.

Spanish classes — Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 for eight sessions.

Dog obedience class — Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$35 for four sessions.

For more information, call 828-2246.

Youth programs

Gymnastics instructor — Youth programs is looking for an experienced gymnastics instructor.

Valentine’s Sweetheart Social — Children ages 9 to 12 can dance from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and teens from 9:30 p.m. to midnight today. The cost is \$7 per person; members get \$1 off. Dress up and get \$1 off.

For more information, call 828-2501.

Outdoor adventure program

Map and compass class — Today from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Learn how to read a compass and relate it to a topographical map. Participants must be 12 or older. Children ages 12 to 17 must be accompanied by a parent. The cost is \$5 per person.

GPS class — Learn how to use a global positioning system Sunday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Learn the basics of navigation using modern technology. Use satellites to learn to mark and return to a position. Individuals with their own GPS are highly encouraged to bring it along. A prior map and compass class is highly recommended. The cost is \$6.

Kayak pool session — Monday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the base pool. No registration needed. The cost is \$3. All

VIPER VISITS



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHRIS CAMPBELL

VIPER VISITS THE AIRMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL TUESDAY TO WISH THEM GOOD LUCK ON THE NEXT MILESTONE IN THEIR AIR FORCE CAREERS. VIPER POSES FOR A PHOTO WITH VIPER FLIGHT BEFORE CLASS 06-C GRADUATED THURSDAY NIGHT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE VIPER TO VISIT YOUR SHOP, CALL THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE AT 828-6800 OR SEND AN E-MAIL TO PA.NEWS@MOUNTAINHOME.AF.MIL

equipment is provided.
For more information, call 828-6333.

Outdoor recreation supply

Video rentals — Video rentals are available for sportsmens needs. Weekend rentals are \$1, day rates are \$0.75 and additional days are \$0.50.

Sportsman camp trailer special — Camp trailers can be reserved on the first working day of the month and may be reserved for the following month. Prices are \$60 per weekend, \$45 over night and \$15 each additional day.

On-consignment ski swap — Bring in your used skis and snowboards and leave them on consignment. Customers can then call you to purchase them.

For more information, call 828-2237.

Library

Multimedia center — Features color copier, scanner and photo printing.

Story time — Wednesdays at 1 p.m. for supervised children ages 3 to 5.

Pony Espresso Café – New hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. They serve a variety of coffee drinks, smoothies and pastries.

Video club — Members pay \$12 per year and can borrow up to three videos at a time for a one-week rental.

For more information, call 828-2326.

Pizza Etc.

February special — One 16-inch one-topping pizza and four 24-ounce sodas for \$18.

Soup of the day —
Monday — Chicken gumbo
Tuesday — Chicken and dumplings
Wednesday — Creamy potato with bacon
Thursday — Cream of Broccoli
Friday — Clam chowder

Silver Sage Golf Course

Free golf instruction — Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. A free introductory to golf instructional program will be conducted in the small exercise room at the fitness center. The sessions will be taught by an on-staff Professional Golf Association member. All equipment will be provided.

CHAPEL

Catholic

Sunday mass — 8 a.m.
CCD Sunday — 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. for 3 year olds to adults; located in the Religious Education Building.
Daily mass — Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday school — 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for 6 month olds to adults; located in the Religious Education Building.
Traditional service — Sunday at 11 a.m. Also provided at this time are a children’s church for 4-year-olds to second grade and Wee Joy for 6 months to 5 years.
Gospel Jubilee Service — Sunday at 1:15 p.m.
Protestant extras — Protestant Women of the Chapel meets Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Religious Education Building.

WELLNESS

Heart Link

Learn to adjust, adapt and belong to the Air Force family. This interactive and informative program gives spouses the tools to understand and navigate through Air Force mission, customs, traditions and support services. With the Heart Link advantage, you have the tools to take care of yourself, family and community. Class is today from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gunfighters Club.

Siblings

Children ages 2 and up can learn to understand and deal with the unique relationship of being a sibling and what to expect when the baby arrives. Class is Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon at family advocacy. To register, call 828-7566 or 828-7520.

Surviving your teens

Learn how to manage and let go of children ages 13 to 18. Master some practical guidelines for handling the complex situations and dilemmas teenagers often present. Class is Feb. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the family support center. To register, call 828-2458.

Anger management

Unmanaged anger destroys relationships, families and individual health. Learn to understand and control responses to anger. To receive a certificate, individuals need to attend four consecutive weeks. The class is held every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. at family advocacy. To register, call 828-7520.

English as a second language

Learn English through the four language skills of reading, speaking, listening and writing in a friendly, informal setting. Class is every Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the family support center. To register, call 828-2458.

EDUCATION NEWS

ASE exams

The training and education center is offering Automotive Service Excellence exams May 9, 11 and 16. The deadline to register is March 17.
For more information, go the Web site www.asecert.org or send an e-mail to EdCenterTestAdministrator@mountain-home.af.mil.

Commissioning briefing

The training and education center offers a commissioning briefing every third Thursday of the month for enlisted members desiring to become commissioned officers in the Air Force. This briefing reviews all active commissioning programs and gives participants an overview of the process.

University of Oklahoma

The Human Resource Administration class scheduled Feb. 26 to March 4 has been cancelled.
The next class is Introduction to Analysis and is scheduled March 26 to April 1. The last day to enroll is Feb. 24. Visit the University of Oklahoma’s Web site at www.gouu.ou.edu for a complete list of programs and classes. The Master of Public Administration program is open to all.
For more information, call 828-4188 or stop by the education center.

Boise State University

Registration is now taking place for spring block II. The spring II semester begins April 3.
For more information, call the local BSU office at 828-6746, stop by or visit www.boisestate.edu. The local office is located in the education center.

HOUSING NEWS

Terminating base housing

The housing office requires 40 days notice prior to vacating military family housing for permanent change of station, retirement or military separation (short notice PCS excepted). After the office is notified, a counselor will schedule a pretermination and final inspection of the housing unit.
In the case of a military member no longer living with dependents or qualifying dependents no longer residing with the military member, family housing must be terminated within 30 days. It is the occupant’s responsibility to notify the housing office.

Warning lights in vacant units

Lanterns with red or yellow lights have been placed in vacant unit windows for the winter months.
These lanterns are equipped with thermostats that will turn the warning light on when the temperature in the house goes below 55 degrees.
If a red or yellow light is on in a vacant unit, call housing maintenance immediately at 832-4643. This helps prevent the possibility of the pipes freezing and damaging the unit. If anyone recently moved into a unit that had a warning light, it should be returned to housing maintenance.

Refuse collection

The refuse contractor is not required to pick up abnormally-sized or objects weighing more than 70 pounds. Items larger than 6 feet in length or rubbish not considered household debris should be disposed of in the base dumpsters. Be sure to keep garbage lids securely sealed. Occupants residing in areas other than Eagle View are responsible for placing the receptacle curbside anytime after 6 p.m. the night before pickup and returning it to its original storage area (trash enclosure or carport) by 6 p.m. the day of pickup. This prevents littering and safety hazards for children and animals and minimizes debris problems. Occupants who leave their trash cans on the curb after pickup will be ticketed.
Items in recycle bins, compost in paper recyclable bags and tree branches that have been tied and are less than 6 feet are to be placed next to trash cans.
Occupants with complaints about housing refuse collection should report these problems immediately. For more information, call McCray Sanitation at 590-1100 or the quality assurance evaluator at 828-1340.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

Art, wine and jazz

Mountain Home Arts Council and the Parks and Recreation Department brings an evening of conversation, art, food, wine and music to the Desert Canyon Golf Course Feb. 18 beginning at 6 p.m. Art will also be on display for sale. The cost to attend is \$28. For more information, call 587-3706 or visit the Web site www.mharts.org. The golf course is located at 1880 E. 8th N., Mountain Home.

Accepting applications

The Mrs. Idaho America Pageant is now accepting applications for the 2006 state pageant. The pageant will be held April 28 and 29 at the Nampa Civic Center. The Mrs. Idaho America Pageant is the only pageant for married woman in the state of Idaho. The Mrs. Idaho America competition is an exciting and rewarding program that recognizes Idaho’s married women and is the official state preliminary to the Mrs. America Pageant. Mrs. Idaho will join 50 other state winners for the nationally televised Mrs. America Pageant in September.
For more information, visit the Web site at www.mrsidahoamerica.com or call 208-250-2775.

Youth Explosion

Features the best in Gospel Hip Hop and R & B March 18 at 2 p.m. at the Agape Christian Worship Center, located at 4705 1/2 Emerald St. in Boise. Donations will be accepted for admission.
For more information, call 208-685-0612.

Gospel Showcase

The Agape Christian Worship Center presents a free concert with award winning gospel artists March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Boise State University Jordan Ballroom. Tickets are available at the BSU Student Union information desk.
For more information, call 208-685-0612.

THE BIG SCREEN

Today — *Rumor Has It* — “PG-13” — 7 p.m. — starring Jennifer



Aniston and Kevin Costner. Sara’s life is in a tailspin. She’s finally agreed to marry her boyfriend, Jeff, but isn’t at all sure that marriage is what she

really wants. In fact, she’s not sure what she wants in general. As conflicted as she is about her love, her professional life isn’t much better. An aspiring journalist, Sara’s career at the New York Times is as an obituary columnist. 1 hour, 37 minutes.

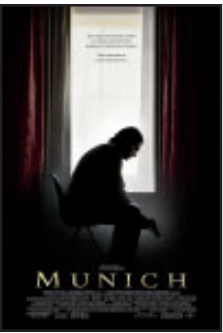
Saturday and Sunday — *Fun With Dick and Jane* — “PG-13” — 7 p.m. — starring Jim Carrey and Tea Leoni. Dick and Jane are a happily married couple living the American dream. Until one day, it morphs into a nightmare. When the company Dick works for becomes involved in an Enron-like scandal

and he is confronted with the



prospect of losing everything, Dick and Jane all Bonnie and Clyde, turning to robbery to pay the bills. 1 hour, 25 minutes.

Monday — *Munich* — “R” — 7 p.m. — starring Eric Bana and Daniel Craig. Set in the aftermath of the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics, this story follows a secret Israeli squad assigned to track down and kill the 11 Palestinians suspected to have planned the Munich attack and the personal toll this mission of revenge takes on the team and the man who led it. 2 hours, 4 minutes.



Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – Theater closed.